



OUR EARTH

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Your City in Action

Parks to Promote a Healthy Earth

The new Woodside Park on Moonlight Drive is greening from the grasses planted late last year. This 8.6 acre park has a regulation-size soccer field, a little league ballfield, basketball courts, picnic pavilion, restrooms, and more. Construction on these components will continue over this summer. Landscaping is designed to minimize water consumption and maintenance costs:

- The irrigation is monitored by a moisture-sensor system to reduce waste
- Native and/or drought-tolerant trees, shrubs and grasses are used throughout the park
- Heavy-duty turf that requires more water and maintenance is used only on the athletic fields
- Grasses at the park perimeter require less water and mowing and transition into the natural areas of the adjacent hillsides
- Trees species were selected from the *Hailey Tree Planting Guide and meet 20% species diversity requirements.

*Available online at <http://www.haileycityhall.org/planning/treepltggd.pdf>

Events

Clean Sweep & Organic Yard Waste Drop Off

May 19 is Clean Sweep day – an opportunity to beautify your town and valley. To volunteer or for more information, contact the Environmental Resource Center at 726-4333. Hailey's Park & Ride lot on River Street will be a collection site for yard waste – call Clear Creek Disposal at 726-9600 for details about how to utilize the Hailey disposal site.

Information & Resources

Yard Waste Tips

DISPOSAL – The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that yard waste is second only to paper in municipal solid waste streams. The Ohio Gulch Waste Transfer Station continues to offer a free yard waste disposal program to Blaine County



households. Loads must qualify in order to be free and are limited to one pickup load or less of clean yard waste per week. Waste must be un-bagged grass, leaves and branches. It must contain no dirt, rock, root balls, construction waste, noxious weeds, trash, food waste, plastic or other inorganic

materials. Loads containing inappropriate materials will be charged at the transfer station rate of \$55 per ton. All loads not covered may be subject to a \$10 fine. Additional yard waste loads will be charged \$10 each. For more information, contact the Ohio Gulch Transfer Station at 788-2351.

MULCH - The Ohio Gulch Transfer Station processes the organic yard waste then offers it for sale as mulch at \$1 per cubic yard. Mulching beds by spreading a thin layer around the base of plants will add nutrients to the soil, regulate soil temperature, slow weed growth and help to retain water. After you deliver this spring's yard waste you can pick up a load of last year's to use in your beds.

GRASSCYCLE – Grass clippings, if left to decompose, return nutrients to the lawn and do not add to the thatch. (Thatch is formed by the roots of the grass, not the actual clippings; roots are comprised of lignin which decomposes slowly.) It is recommended to mow so grass is never more than 2 to 3 inches tall and don't cut more than one-third of the blade (no more than one inch total).